

Sermon Series: **The Ministry of the Holy Spirit**
Outline for message 3 of 6, "The One Who Empowers"
Scripture texts, Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8

Introduction: The continuity of the end of Luke and the opening of Acts

I. The Father's promise

A. Joel 2:28ff, John 14:26, Acts 1:4, Pentecost Acts 2

B. Comparing the coming of the Son and of the Spirit: heavenly origin

II. The Church is endued or CLOTHED with the Spirit's power

No spiritual streakers! Comparing our need of the righteousness of the Son with our need for the power of the Spirit

III. A warning: His Power does not destroy His fruit

No bombs in the orchard!

IV. The Holy Spirit's power comes upon God's servants so that they can fulfill God's specific purposes

A. Biblical examples

1. Exodus 31, Bezalel - skillfull workmanship
2. Judges 3, Othniel - battle
3. Luke 1, Mary - conceive the Messiah!

B. The purpose of God in our case is to be His witnesses

1. That can be costly
2. Salt and light vs. baby powder and shadows

Questions for reflection, study, and further application

1. Read Judges 14:19 in context. How is that the Holy Spirit empowered Samson to do this violent deed?
2. The disciples were told to "tarry" (wait) for the Spirit to come with power. Do we likewise "tarry?" If not, why not? If so, how?
3. Romans 1:16 says that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Relate what was set forth in this message to that great truth.